

POOL & POOL BARRIER REQUIREMENTS

Pool Requirements

- All fishponds, spas and other contained bodies of water, either above or below ground level, being 18 inches or more in depth, and/or wider than eight feet at any two measured points, shall require a barrier.
- Pools must be located in the rear or side yard of the property.
- Pools must be set back at least three feet from all property lines.
- Permits for outdoor swimming pool barriers must be issued prior to installing the barrier, plastering the pool, and/or filling the pool with water.

Pool Barrier Requirements

- The top of a barrier should be at least 60 inches above finished grade (exterior side of barrier).
- The maximum gap between the bottom of the barrier and finished grade shall be two inches. For a solid base grade, such as concrete, the gap may be four inches.
- If a barrier is constructed with horizontal members less than 54 inches apart, such members must be placed on the interior side of the barrier.
- Decorative design work that allows for easy climbing on the exterior barrier is prohibited.
- Protective barriers must be located at least 54 inches from any exterior object that could be used to climb the protective barrier.
- The owner will ensure that the entire barrier is maintained. No section may be altered or removed except to reconstruct, repair or replace the barrier.
- Barrier openings are restricted to one and three quarter inches.
- If chain link fencing is used as a barrier, it must be eleven gauge or greater.
- Access gates will comply with all pool barrier requirements and will be equipped with self-closing, self-latching devices. All access gates must open away from the pool.
- When the latching mechanism is less than 54 inches above ground, it must be on the poolside of the gate and at least three inches below the top of the gate.
- If a building wall comprises a part of the pool barrier and the subject wall contains a door providing direct access to the pool area, a separate barrier shall be installed between the door and the pool.

Exception: The building official may approve the substitution of a self-closing, self-latching device with a release mechanism at least 54 inches above ground; **or** an alarm which sounds continuously for a minimum of 30 seconds at a level not less than 85 decibels, within seven seconds of the door or the screen being opened.

- A window facing a pool enclosure shall be equipped with a mesh screen and a lock and key that restricts opening the window to no more than four inches or a latching device 54 inches above the floor.
- Emergency escape or rescue windows must be equipped with a latching device at least 54 inches from the floor.